



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of Foster Care Month**

**WHEREAS**, Foster Care Month is recognized by Family Programs Hawai'i, Partners in Development Foundation and other partners to provide awareness about the urgent needs of children and families in foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, Foster Care Month understands that in Hawai'i, there are approximately 1,300 children currently in foster care, who are provided with a safe, nurturing and stable home; and

**WHEREAS**, Foster Care Month encourages individuals from all backgrounds to get involved, either as a foster or adoptive parent, volunteer, mentor, or employer; and

**WHEREAS**, Foster Care Month acknowledges the individuals, public and private organizations, and communities who work to increase awareness about the needs of children and families in foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, Foster Care Month honors the 1,200 resource families in our State, who open their homes and hearts to children and their birth family who are in need, and educates the public about the vital role foster families play in helping children heal, reconnect, or find permanent residency with relatives or other adoptive families, while helping them to maintain their connection to their birth families;

**THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2011 as**

### **"FOSTER CARE MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Family Programs Hawaii, Partners in Development Foundation and its partners for accommodating the needs of foster children and families in Hawai'i.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirteenth day of May, 2011.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

**BRIAN SCHATZ**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i